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THE PARABLES.

Though truth in manhood darkly
Deep-seated in our mystic
We yield all blessing to the
Of him that made them current
coin.

For wisdom dealt with mortal
Where Truth in closet words
shall fail.

When Truth embodied in a
tale
Shall enter in at lowly doors.

And so the Word hath breath
And wrought
With human hands the creed
of creeds

In loveliness of perfect deeds.
More strong than all poetic
thought.

Tennyson (from "In Memoriam.")

There are reports to the effect considerable gambling is on in Pendleton and the situation is even exciting.

No Conscience is even exciting. At Gambling, ment by outside papers such as the Pilot Rock Record. If our fame in this regard is so great it is exciting interest abroad it is time the subject deserves some attention at home.

There is no occasion for any gambling in Pendleton. The laws upon the subject are very plain. To conduct a gambling game is a violation of a city ordinance and a state law. The property owner is liable along with the gambler.

For the enforcement of these laws there is ample machinery. It is particularly the duty of the city authorities to handle this problem. We have a mayor, councilmen and policemen sworn to the enforcement of our laws. The police force is the largest and best paid police force in the history of the city. If that police force cannot stop gambling there is something strange about the matter.

In the view of the East Oregonian it is bad business for Pendleton to acquire a reputation as a gambling town and this paper resents the charge that it connives at any gambling business here. Therefore the remarks of the Pilot Rock Record are respectfully called to the attention of our authorities. To further illustrate the position of this paper it may be said that if our present city government cannot handle this matter in accordance with the law and the public welfare the East Oregonian stands ready to cooperate in a move to secure a city government that can do so.

It is of interest to know that the insurance commissioner of Oregon after a visit in Wisconsin and other states is converted to the idea that state insurance is the proper thing and will therefore recommend it for this state.

The great indictment against private insurance is its heavy cost. For years Oregon has been paying twice as much in insurance premiums as it has been receiving in loss payments. Much of that money goes to pay overhead salaries and agents commissions and under a plan of state insurance that needless expense would be mostly eliminated.

So important is insurance to social welfare that it should be provided at the lowest possible price consistent with security. There is really little need of solicitation for insurance. A

A "Touchdown"

If you want a "high score" in matters pertaining to health you must keep the appetite keen, the digestion normal and the liver and bowels active. To do this you should try

**Hostetter's
Stomach Bitters**

man with a proper conception of the matter does not need to be solicited for insurance. He knows his own needs and the needs of his family better than does anyone else. He would prefer to apply to the state for his insurance and thus save the agent's commission.

Governmental insurance is something that is coming in time. The sooner such insurance is provided the sooner will the benefits be secured.

For years it has been admitted that the government of the United States is one of the poorest

Advertising the advertised corporation. In the world, says William N. Taft in December Technical World Magazine. This, it is charged, has been largely responsible for the unrest and lack of confidence apparent in certain sections of the country. How to remedy this condition was the question. Newspaper publicity and advertising were tried with small success; billboards and lectures did little better; government bulletins were, for the most part, cast aside unread. It has been, therefore, apparent that the government must take some entirely new tack and approach the people from an untried angle.

It was the department of agriculture, more versed in the science of publicity than the others, that first hit upon the scheme later adopted by all the governmental branches. Agricultural department officials decided that motion pictures showing what the government is doing for the farmers, would be of far greater value than the illustrated lectures. At the same time they would cost less and would attract larger and more attentive audiences. Orders were accordingly given for the preparation of half a dozen films.

The war and navy departments, being desirous of bringing their enlisted strength back to its former high standard, decided to give the "movies" a trial; accordingly arrangements were made for the production of two of the most pretentious multiple-reel pictures ever taken.

The climax of the navy reel comes in the great naval battle where the enemy's ships attack the South Atlantic Squadron, which is handicapped by the fire from the shore batteries. The battle is going against the Americans until the hero turns the tide by dropping bombs upon the attacking fleet from a hydroaeroplane piloted by Lieutenant John H. Towers, Chief of the Navy Aviation Corps.

The pictures which accompany this article are such as are rarely given out concerning government enterprise. In fact the prints from which the cuts were made are from the hands of the official photographers.

A married woman says the way to be happy with a husband is to learn to be happy without him most of the time.

PENDLETON AND GRAFT

(Pilot Rock Record.)

The man who would preserve his own or his children's reputation had better steer clear of politics. The people are becoming so internally exacting that a man who accepts an office for pay, or dear love of the people, must be as pure as the traditional icicle on Diana's coffin.

Only recently a member of Pendleton's water commission permitted two of his teams to work on an excavation for a reservoir for less than the same two teams could earn hauling wood from the mountains to Pilot Rock. Despite the stipend received per day the contractor insisted upon the commissioner's two teams and one man working in excess of the stipulated eight hours, which resulted in a dispute between the two men and a thorough airing of the whole matter in the newspapers. The word grafting was used in its up-to-date meaning and a loud call has gone forth asking for the commissioner's resignation from the impeccable board.

The member thus accused must be a progressive or a republican and therefore, not wanted in public office in Pendleton. Perhaps this man, Dr. Best, does not patronize any of the flourishing gambling games, carried on without protest under the eagle eye of the newspaper which has gone into hysterics over the water commissioner's audacious attempt at grafting by permitting two of his teams to work for a contractor who has a \$29,000 job.

A Woman's Heart.

She (gently)—I am afraid I do not love you enough to be your wife, but I shall always be your friend, and sincerely wish for your happiness.

He (moodily)—I know what I'll do.

She (anxiously)—You surely will not do yourself an injury?

He (calmly)—No! I will find happiness. I will marry some one else.

She—Horror! Give me another day to consider, dear.—New York Weekly.

The Rev. E. K. Copper, superintendent of the Duluth district for the Methodist Episcopal church for several years, has been appointed to the office of chairman of the steamship and transportation bureau of the Methodist Episcopal church of America with headquarters at Chicago.

BY THE SCISSORS

SONG OF THE SONS OF ESAU.

Ye smooth-faced sons of Jacob, hug close your insides;
Guard well the market in its wealth,
the palace in its pride!
Oh, blithe it is to wander, and the world is wide!

Hard straining at their cables the captive vessels ride,
Haul up the prisoning anchor, swing out upon the tide!
Oh, grandly fills the canvas, and the sea is wide!

Mysterious spreads the forest, where strange, shy creatures bide,
Within its dim recesses, who knows what wonders hide?
Oh, softly step the wild things, and the jungle's wide!

O canny sons of Jacob, to fret and toiling tied,
We grudge you not the birthright for which your father died!
We own the right of roaming, and the world is wide.

For you the pomp and power, prosperity and pride;
For us the happy wilderness, and not a care to chide,
To give us room to wander, was the world made wide,
—Bertha Brooks Runkle.

Home Made Syrup.

The very best substitute for maple syrup is made in the following way. Mix together one pound of dark brown sugar, one pound of granulated sugar, one-half pint of water, one teaspoonful of vanilla. Put on the fire and bring to a boil and allow to boil for two or three minutes. When cool it is ready to serve, says the Toronto World. It is very appetizing and much purer and cheaper than any other imitation of maple syrup.

Pretty Set of Dolly Cases.

A very pretty set of dolly cases were covered with white linen. Instead of cretonne. The set, which was intended for a bride, was made very individual by a three-initial monogram, embroidered in raised satin stitch. The monogram was placed one and one half inches from the edge, the letters being placed so as to conform to the circular edge. A white cord was top sewed around the edge of the circles, making a very neat and unusual finish. The ribbon used to tie the two circles together was also white.

The lettering had, of course, been done before the cases were made. Circles of cardboard two inches more in diameter than the dollies they were intended to protect, were covered with white linen. The linen covering was cut one half inch more all around than the cardboard, so it could be stretched over the cardboard and held in place by long stitches taken from side to side. Two covered circles were then whipped together and the completed circles were then held together with ribbon.—Minneapolis Journal.

How to Lay Away an Expensive Rug.

In case you wish to lay away a rug that is not in use this winter beat the rug well, unless you can have it cleaned with vacuum cleaner. Make a strong infusion of black pepper tea and spray rug with it. Sun well and beat again. Get a round wooden roller, lay the rug on the floor and cover with newspapers pasted a little larger than the rug. Roll carefully, rolling up both paper and rug at the same time. Place whole roll in old cotton cloth, and cover with manila paper, fastened tight at all edges. This is for an expensive rug, says the Montreal Star. Other rug need only be brushed sunned, sprayed and rolled up with sprinkle of gum arabic in the folds.

STATEMENT IS MADE BY DOCTOR BEST

(Continued from page one.)

City of Pendleton, under this contract the said \$500 and actual cost of survey on the said report, and \$500.00 and actual cost on said preliminary survey of right of way, unless the said Commission shall have ordered the final survey and plans and specifications and in that event the said final survey, plans and specifications shall be paid for as hereinabove provided.

It is further mutually understood and agreed that no liability shall attach to the members of said Commission as individuals by reason of any of the provisions of the foregoing contract.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

J. T. BROWN,

Chairman, Water Com.

T. C. TAYLOR,

Acting Sec. Water Com.

WILL MOORE,

JAMES A. FEE,

Water Commissioners.

FRANK C. KELSA, Jr.,

Engineer.

Witnesses to Signatures of Water

Commissioners:

WM. E. CLARK,

CLARENCE ROACH,

Witnesses to Signature of Engineer:

W. M. ESTERBY,

HANS E. LEICHPER.

The following is a statement of Mr. Kelsay's account:

Pendleton City Water Commission.

To Frank C. Kelsay, Jr.

For engineering services, making surveys and preparing plans, specifications and estimates of cost for waterworks pipe line and improvements to distributing system as per contract.

Surveys, maps, profiles and estimates of cost of pipe line from North Fork of Umatilla river to Thorn Hollow. Estimated cost less engineering and supervision, \$319,590, \$150,015.

\$169,475 at 1 per cent....\$1,694.75

Surveys, maps, profiles, plans, specifications and estimates of cost of pressure pipe line from Thorn Hollow to

Pendleton, \$150,015 at 2 per cent.....3,000.30

Surveys, maps, profiles, plans, specifications and estimates of cost of distributing reservoirs, \$30,000 at 2 per cent.....600.00

Surveys, maps, plans, estimates of cost and specifications for improvements to distributing system, \$45,000 at 2 per cent.....900.00

Making new surveys, maps, profiles, plans and estimates of cost for conduit and pipe line on account of change from pressure pipe line to conduit:

Traveling expenses to Pendleton.....\$110.60

Draftsman and computers wages.....696.00

Office expenses.....83.50

Drafting materials.....23.60

Blue prints and miscellaneous.....13.70

Personal services.....500.00

Less amounts reserved on account:

February 1909.....\$250.00

September, 1910.....1000.00

October, 1910.....750.00

November, 1910.....613.15

September, 1911.....750.00

July, 1912.....500.00

Acct. check returned.....\$3,863.15

Bills paid by City.....17.50

Less one-half value camp equipment reserved by city.....\$2880.65

Less one-half value camp equipment reserved by city.....359.95

Total amount received.....\$4,240.60

Less amount to be paid up on completion of specifications.....\$4,116.45

Amount due.....\$124.15

Warrants Issued F. C. Kelsay.

Date Nov. 2, 1908.....\$66

Survey power line.....\$115.35

Mch. 9, 1909.....923

Eng. work.....250.00

Sept. 23, 1910.....1233

Survey.....1000.00

Oct. 8, 1910.....1256

Survey.....750.00

Nov. 1, 1910.....1267

Survey.....613.15

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